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MARKABLE EXPERIENCES

Kerlin Tells of the Narrow Escapes He Has Had From Shooting.

INTERNATIONAL WARNING.

Light His Bedchamber Was Filled With Spectral Illumination.

My old friend Jimmy Kerlin, of Ridge, was in town last Friday, after about seventy years of age, the activity and mental vigor much younger in years. Jimmy had some remarkable experiences in his time, and it is very interesting to have him relate them. Among other things he has had some narrow escapes from death by being run in the hands of others.

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stunned. He sprang to his feet and called. Just then he saw his neighbors Giffin and Wiser, Giffin's gun still smoking and Wiser's coat ready for a second shot—both half scared out of their wits when they found what had been done.

The three men then came together to talk the matter over. Mr. Giffin looked closely to see if his bullet had touched Mr. Kerlin, and he found that it had shaved the hair bare to the skin above the ear and that the locks of hair were still lying on Jimmy's shoulder.

Mr. Kerlin firmly believes that the apparition in the bedchamber the night before was the appearance of his guardian angel to assure him that his fear had been groundless, and that no harm should befall him.

He has never since been troubled with such a dream.

A MEAN THIEF.

A short time ago a tramp calling himself Thurman, made his appearance at the farmhouse of our old German friend Michael Knauff, in Ayr township, and solicited employment. Mr. Knauff set him to work husking corn, an occupation at which he was neither a "rusher" nor an expert. He could talk so effusively and entertainingly in German of the "Fatherland" and kindred topics as to make his way completely into the old gentleman's heart, and this in a measure made up for his shortcomings in the corn field and Mr. Knauff felt himself fully recompensed. Things went on swimmingly at the old homestead until last Friday morning when it was discovered that the fluent talker had decamped, and at the same time a watch, much treasured by Mr. Knauff, and a pair of boots belonging to William Keyser, also disappeared. Loquacious tramps will find it the part of wisdom to give Mr. Knauff's a wide berth.

GEORGE W. MILLER.

The many friends of George W. Miller, of Taylor township, will be shocked to hear of his death which occurred last Sunday morning. About four weeks ago, Mr. Miller took an ordinary cold, but went on with his work as usual. Unfortunately while husking corn one day in the field it rained and he got pretty wet. This intensified the cold, and a few days later he attempted to help with the clover seed. Here the dust seemed too much for him, and his throat swelled. Although everything was done for his relief, the case would not yield to medical treatment and tonics and membranous croup brought an end to his life. The deceased was aged 29 years, 11 months and 1 day. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Miller, and he leaves a wife and one child. He was a consistent member of the M. E. church, and will be greatly missed in his community.

DEATH OF EFFIE GILBERT.

Alfreda May Lou Gilbert, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Gilbert, died at the parsonage of the First M. E. church, Huntingdon, on the evening of the 7th inst., after an illness of eight weeks, of a complication of disorders. Effie, as she was called, has been a patient little sufferer for a period of seven years and was surely an example of heroic fortitude. Never once murmuring she wished she was like other girls, but bore it all bravely until relieved by the hand of death. She was born at Williamsport, Pa., May 16, 1886, in the parsonage of Grace Methodist church, and at the time of her death was aged 13 years, 5 months and 22 days. She is survived by her parents, two brothers, Frederick and Richard, and one sister, Miss Cleo, a student at Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport. Rev. Gilbert was pastor of the M. E. congregation at Huntingdon several years ago.

TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL.

Dr. E. L. Smith last week took Alice, the six-year-old daughter of John Rhodes to the University Hospital in Philadelphia. The little girl is completely blind and also suffers from spinal paralysis but the hospital physicians think there is a possibility of partially restoring her sight and have taken charge of her for a month or two. Mr. Rhodes, who also went along, returned with the Doctor Monday and was greatly pleased with the hospital and his trip.

Special prayer meeting services in the Presbyterian church this evening and to-morrow evening.

Mrs. Rowland Ausin left last Thursday, for Saxton, where she will reside this winter.

During the past week two horse buyers have been in this vicinity buying up old horses to ship to Baltimore. These horses are to be killed and fed to the animals of a menagerie in that city. This is made necessary because of the increase in the price of other feed, says the Martinsburg Herald.

LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE.

BACK RUN.

The following pupils of the Back Run school have attended every day during the second month of the term: Harry Denisar, Eva Denisar, Ethel Denisar, Leonard Denisar, David Thomas, Rachael Thomas, Annie Thomas, Mabel Thomas, Mary Thomas, Howard Dunlap, Robert Dunlap, Harry Dunlap, Mary Dunlap, Daniel Ott Elmer Mellott, Ada Motter, and Lois Conrad.

Ephraim Mellott, who lives in Saml U. Bender's house in Thomastown, expects to move to Bedford county during the present week. Samuel U. Bender will move from the W. H. Nelsonhouse into his own, and John Wright into the building vacated by Samuel Bender. The rest of us must stay where we are until spring, unless Governor Sheets removes us.

Gilbert Mellott visited his parents, near Sipes Mills, on Saturday last.

Messrs. David Rotz and Thomas Marshall have been building fence for J. J. Conrad, who seems seized with the spirit of improvement lately.

George McQuade is somewhat better at present.

George Miller and wife visited Ephraim Mellott last week.

The latest feat of Hunter Thomas, a noted genius, is gathering turnips from a persimmon tree. The persimmon tree on the farm of J. J. Conrad, attracts quite a number of people. Everybody acknowledges that there is a "drawing" force about a persimmon.

Clarence Conrad spent last Friday night and Saturday, visiting his uncle, James Fryman, and hunting game along Rock Hill ridge.

George Thomas, Esq., is unusually cheerful nowadays. We are not informed whether the election, Hood's Sarsaparilla or the new daughter, is the most potent cause.

BIG COVE.

Misses Mary Grove and Scott Sloan, of McConnellsburg, were the guests of Miss Anna Kendall, last Wednesday.

Mrs. Crisswell, of Pittsburg, is visiting her parents Capt. and Mrs. Skinner, of Big Cove Tannery. She is one whom we are always glad to welcome to our midst.

Mrs. J. K. Johnston and Miss Nora Johnston are visiting in Burnt Cabins and Fannettsburg, this week.

V. H. Prosser and daughter, Miss Annie, of Williamsport, are circulating among their many friends in the Cove. They drove through to McConnellsburg on Saturday.

The many friends of Elmer Johnston, who recently moved his family to the West, will be glad to know that he has purchased a farm of 160 acres in the southern part of Iowa. We understand that it is very good land and all know that it will not be the worse of Mr. Johnston's tillage.

SPRING HOUSE VALLEY.

Alex Patterson has his house completed, which adds much to the appearance of his place.

There will be preaching at this place on the 25th and 26th of Nov. instead of 18th and 19th, as stated last week. All are welcome.

George H. Unger has his new carriage house almost completed.

Miss Mattie Palmer, who is teaching school at this place, spent last Saturday and Sunday at her home in Needmore.

George Paylor spent last Sunday with Howard Souders, of Tod township.

Charley Walker, of Franklin county, was seen traveling our roads last Sunday.

Jacob W. Mellott, our supervisor, has been working on our roads for several days.

FORTLITTLETON.

Boughs are daily filled by the gusty thieves, and the book of nature's Getting short of leaves.

Mrs. Peter Gordon left last week for Aravona, Clearfield county, to spend a short time with her son James.

Frank Bare, accompanied by his wife and sister, spent last Saturday afternoon in the County Seat.

Samuel Wilson is erecting a fine house. Hustle around, Sammy. Protracted meeting began the evening of the 13th inst.

Pres Metzler, of Burnt Cabins, was seen on our streets last Sunday evening. Come again, Pres. Den Finley spent last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Danl Cromer.

Morgan Cline spent Sunday evening in Three Springs.

Will Bowman spent Sunday afternoon at Knobsville.

PLEASANT GROVE.

Logue Hess has his fine house completed.

Dr. Job Mellott is erecting a very nice substantial building.

John Truax and James Chaney have gone to Springfield, West Virginia.

Amos C. Barber has the wall built and the lumber out for the erection of his new barn. John Martin is the builder.

There will be a big meeting held at the Pleasant Grove church soon.

The corn is getting its ears pulled.

The Pleasant Grove school is progressing nicely with good attendance. David D. Deshong is the teacher.

Allen Smith has smiles over his face. A large grubber now for the thorns, Allen.

Amos Palmer is getting out logs for his new barn and to repair his house.

Mace Mellott is talking of building a house this fall.

WEST VIEW.

The cold wave last Sunday made a good many people think about overcoats and fur capes.

Vertie Wells was the guest of Andrew Souder's family last Sunday.

Mrs. Jere Mason, of Hancock, went to visit her sister, Mrs. Job Truax, of Needmore, one day last week.

G. W. Fisher, Esq., threshed for Jack Charlton Monday morning, which makes his last crop for the season.

A. H. Sipes, of McConnellsburg, and B. R. Simpson, of Dickey's Mountain, were pleasant callers in this part of the township, one day this week.

Messrs. Stilwell Kirk and Henry Berkstresser, of Pigeon Cove, had a very good time hunting wild game in this community one day last week.

Misses Lillian M. Fisher and Nora E. Shaw were visiting schools in Bethel township, on Wednesday last.

Mrs. Jennie Pittman visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Kirk, one day last week.

Quite a number of young folks have been attending protracted meeting at Warfordsburg this week.

Messrs. Shives and Funk passed through this vicinity, last Friday night with their traction engine and clover huller. Clover seed is all hulled now and the boys are going to take a rest.

There will be preaching at Tonoloway Baptist church next Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Lizzie Souders, of Hancock, visited her father-in-law, Isaac Souders, last week.

Mr. Shadle and son, of Ft. Littleton, called to see Dr. David Chesnut, of Hancock, last Sunday.

Stilley May spent last Sunday down at Charley Vance's.

C. J. Wink visited Jas. M. Lake last Sunday.

Messrs. M. L. Shaw and John B. Truax, all made a flying trip

into Pigeon Cove, last Sunday afternoon.

Arthur Weaver visited his brother, W. H. Weaver last Sunday.

NEW GRENADA.

S. P. Wishart, of Wells Tannery, spent a day among his many friends here last week.

L. L. Cunningham, our jolly assessor, was at McConnellsburg, last Thursday. He says "he knows of 12 nice men in Fulton county, (assessors).

Miss Julia Edwards, one of our progressive teachers, Sundayed with her mother, Mrs. F. G. Mills.

Rev. W. J. Shaeffer preached at Zion M. E. Church Sunday night. There will be preaching again Sunday, November 26.

Rev. W. J. Grissinger and son Clarence spent a few days recently with the Reverend's father S. F. Grissinger.

Billy Alloway (Judge) took in the sights of McConnellsburg last Wednesday. He was accompanied by his son Samuel.

Jas. F. McClain has been improving his dwelling lately. "Uncle" seems to have the spirit for improvement about him. He should dwell in N. G. awhile.

Our school is progressing nicely under the tutorage of B. M. Stewart. There are some pupils who are still out of the school room. Parents this should not be. You had better run them in.

We learn that some of our young folks have been the recipients of anonymous billet-doux. Also a Sport of Wells Valley received one subject: A recipe for love sickness.

LICKING CREEK.

Miss Sadie Hann, of Chambersburg, is visiting relatives, and friends in this place.

Horace Nace, Mrs. S. M. Robinson and daughter, Miss Mary, of McConnellsburg, attended service at the Green Hill Presbyterian church, Sunday afternoon.

Miss Ada Hoekensmith, of Salsillo, was the guest of James A. Stewart's family last week.

There will be a Local Institute held at Forest Dale school house, Friday evening, November 24.

WEBSTER MILLS.

Mrs. J. F. Johnston and son Walter has returned home from a pleasant visit in Lawrence county.

James Hivens is spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. Harvey Unger.

Mrs. Louie Woodall, after spending the summer with her sister, Annie Washabaugh, has returned home.

Dr. Garthwaite spent a very pleasant evening with the family of J. F. Johnston, one day last week.

Mr. Gluck is visiting Samuel Mellott.

Mrs. Walker Johnston was visiting her sister, Mrs. James G. Kendall, one day last week.

Girls and boys look out for there is a party on hand at Webster Mills.

The Lutheran church was well attended last Sabbath.

Miss Mary Jane Johnston remained all night with her little brother, Walter, one night this week.

Norman Johnston stayed all night at his cousin, J. Finley Johnston's, recently.

LOCUST GROVE.

Joseph Winter, of Blue Mound, Illinois, is visiting his old home and brother, Levi Winter. He is also a brother of Hiram Winter, Superintendent of the Common Schools of Fulton county, from 1866 to 1872.

The fire on Rays Hill mountain, west of the Cove last week, made a fine appearance for several nights.

Amos Plessinger has moved in with his father, Jacob Plessinger. His son Harry moved from the Cove to his father's farm over Siding Hill.

Lewis Richards has gone to Clearfield county to work. His wife will join him as soon as he gets a house. Mrs. Rebecca Peck has moved into the house recently vacated by Mr. Richards.

It is reported that a few chickens were missed near the Union township line and that some of the women got into loggerheads about it.

Simon Garland has built an addition to his house.

William Morgret raised a bank barn last Saturday. Everything went off nicely. At 11 o'clock dinner was announced, that was prepared by Mrs. Morgret, her daughter Cora assisted by a few of the ladies of the neighborhood. It was a sumptuous one and the tables almost groaned. Mrs. Morgret is a daughter of George Holly.

Mrs. Sarah McKee, who is lying at death's door, at her home at McKee's Gap, is the only sister of the Diehl brothers, who reside in the Cove. Before this is published, she may be on the other shore.

Ephraim Hart is on the sick list. Simon Star is daily getting weaker from consumption.

Abner Mellott will remove his barn soon.

A protracted meeting will commence at the lower church the evening of the 16th inst.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. M. V. Cromer, of this place, spent last week visiting friends and relatives in Mercersburg.

Mrs. J. Z. Over and son Edgar Fulton, returned from their home in Bedford, on Friday evening last, and will remain as guests of the Washington House for an indefinite time.

Charles Snider and wife, spent a few days of last week with Mr. and Mrs. David Little, of this place. Mr. Snider was recently married, and secured his bride in the state of Indiana. They will make their future home in Fort Loudon.

V. H. Prosser, proprietor of Hotel Prosser, Williamsport, Md., and his daughter Miss Anna Prosser, are visiting friends in the town and vicinity. They always enjoy a visit to their old home.

Jesse L. Hixson, of Wayne, Pa., who was here in attendance at the funeral of his sister, Mr. J. V. Stout-eagle, returned to his duties on Saturday last. He is engaged in a drug store at Wayne.

Mrs. Dr. Wm. F. Trout is visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Ephraim Houck and wife, of Big Cove Tannery, spent a few hours in town on Monday, and paid their respects to the News office.

Mrs. Nellie P. Crisswell, of Pittsburg, is visiting her parents, Capt. and Mrs. G. W. Skinner, at Big Cove Tannery.

The Keesville correspondent of the Chambersburg Register says: Harry E. Laughlin, Newton Winger and Misses Flora Laughlin and Della Sword, of near this place, attended the love feast held near McConnellsburg last Saturday and Sunday.

Bernard Saldkeld of Licking Creek township, called at the News office on Saturday last, to bid us farewell before taking his departure for South Fork, Cambria county, where he will make his home with his sons William and Thomas. His wife preceded him a couple weeks ago. We hope our old friend Barney will find a pleasant home awaiting him and that he had an opportunity of having a final hunt over the old familiar grounds before leaving.

Mrs. James Tittle and her sister-in-law, Miss Mary Tittle, of Fort Loudon, visited the first-named lady's mother, Mrs. Phillip Ott, and other relatives in the Cove.

Mrs. James Daniels, of Sipes Mills, spent part of last week visiting her daughter, Mrs. Palmer P. Mann and other friends in town.

Mrs. Phoebe Rider, and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Michael, of Berkeley Springs, W. Va., are visiting the family of Charles T. W. Rider, in this place.

Miss Sue Wright, of Chambersburg, is visiting her former Sunday school teacher, Mrs. Kate Comer.

Martin V. Runedollar, of Waynesboro, arrived on Friday evening, and spent a few days with his sister, Mrs. Ally Alexander, Mrs. David Maun, and Mrs. Adam Grissinger.

Hons. W. Rush Gillan and W. U. Brewer, of Chambersburg, were in town the first of the week on legal business.

Dr. S. S. Spalding, H. R. Kneese, Esq., Dr. Connor and John Macgregor, of Philadelphia, and C. F. Seip and W. H. Breininger, of Easton, are making the Fulton House their headquarters of their hunting expedition. When the guns are all in the famous hostelry has the appearance of an arsenal.

H. R. Truax, of Pleasant Ridge, paid the News office a pop visit on Tuesday morning.

W. L. Berkstresser, the enterprising merchant at Dublin Mills, was in town on business on Wednesday last. Mr. Berkstresser is conducting a successful general merchandising business at that place, and we congratulate him.

Rev. Lewis Chambers made us a pleasant call while in town Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Rort C. Dixon are spending a few days with Mrs. Dixon's brother, Mr. John B. Runyan in this place.

Dennis Hart, of Hartford City, Indiana, is visiting friends in town this week.

John W. Caldwell, Esq., of Perysburg, Ohio, is visiting the editor's family.

Miss Ada Forner, of Timber Ridge, is living in the home of Col. and Mrs. Bishop, of this place.

Mrs. S. F. Stiver and son Master John, of Bedford, are spending a week with Mrs. Stiver's brother, C. W. Peck in Philadelphia.

Miss Sadie Hann, of Chambersburg, passed through this place last Thursday on her way to visit her many friends in Licking Creek township.

W. H. Peck, Esq., of Gem, spent Tuesday in town.

J. Pott McKee, of Belfast township, called a minute while in town a day or two ago.

ROBERT STOUTEAGLE and Ernest Gress, two of Fulton county's leading teachers employed in Franklin county this winter, spent Saturday and Sunday at home. They left on Monday for the Franklin county institute which is being held in Chambersburg this week.

GEORGE LEHMAN and George Hammann, two of Union township's best representatives of young citizenship were business visitors at McConnellsburg last week.

CHARLIE HIXSON, of Brush Creek township, called to see us a few minutes while in town last week.

Mrs. Bishop, of this place, was a very pleasant caller at the News office last Saturday. Her many friends will be glad to know that her health is much improved, although she must occasionally submit to the operation of tapping, which she has now undergone twenty-six times.

REV. J. L. GROVE, of this place, spent Tuesday at Chambersburg, and Tuesday night at Mercersburg.

SCHOOL REPORTS.

Report of Needmore school, Belfast township, for second month ending November 10, 1899. Number enrolled 32, average attendance 26, per cent. of attendance 94. Pupils attending every day: Glen Truax, Anna Everts, Grace Lake, Beatrice Sharpe, Esta Hart, Ralph Truax, Ira Gordon, Dawson Truax, Blair Garland, Otis Mellott, Cecil Culler, Floyd Hart, Lee Truax and Clem Lake.

Report of Akersville primary school. Names of pupils in attendance every day of second month, beginning October 16th and ending November 10th, 1899: May Akers, Julia Connor, Irene Barton, Ethel Jackson, Belvia Akers, Mary Selling, Earl Jackson, William Conner, Gillard Barton, Ira Duvall, Benson Akers, Blaine Hixson, Be. Hixson, and Homer Akers. Number enrolled 35. Per cent. of attendance 94. G. I. COVALT, Teacher.

The following is a report of Burnt Cabins school for the second month ending November 10. Number enrolled during the month 47. Average attendance 43. Per cent. 95. Those who attended every day are: Edith Speck, Cora Cornelius, Beatrice Cornelius, Minnie Hassel, Katie Hassel, Ethel Clisney, Grace Roddy, Myrtle Cline, Ruth McGehee, Chester Mumma, Emer Horton, Roy McGehee, Miribel Briggs, Charley Webb, Ralph Roddy, Oran Hassel, Warren Welch, Harry Hassel. Those attending 19 days are: Jessie Speck, Alice Kelly, Mary Bitter, Mildred Clisney, Emma Cornelius, Cora Doran, Elmer Bitter, Raimond Roddy, Clair Miller, and Wallace McGehee. L. ETTA POLK, Teacher.

Mortons' Point—E. E. Kell, teacher. Pupils in attendance every day during second month. Mabel Dixon, Blanche Morton, Joanna Morton, Nellie Morton, Ella Mellott, Flora Mellott, Mary Mellott, Mabel Truax, Bertha Truax, Nancy Truax, Hester Truax, Blanche Wink, Jessie Wink, Ida Bard, Grace Cook, Ira Former, George Wink, George Morton, Thomas Morton, Irwin Garland.

West View—second month—A. C. Peck, teacher. Number of pupils in attendance during month, 25; average attendance—males, 13; females, 8, total 21. Per cent. of attendance during month—males, 93; females, 93. Pupils who attended every day during month were: Elwood Manning, Martin Shives, Alvah Shaw, Gaylen Shaw, Judson Wink, Albert Wink, Ross Wink, Noble May, Olive L. Zimmerman, Alle Lake, Lulu Truxell and Mabel Chesnut.

RELIGIOUS NOTES.

Communion services will be held in the Reformed church of this place next, Sunday at 10.30 p. m. Preparatory services on Saturday at 2.00 p. m. All are welcome.

Rev. Robert F. McLean was installed as pastor of the Presbyterian church at Dauphin on the 8th inst. Rev. McLean was pastor of the church at Dauphin from the time of his resignation of the charge in this place in 1880 to 1884, and for the second time becomes the pastor of the congregation and again installed. Rev. O. B. McCurdy, of Duncannon, a former pastor of the McConnellsburg congregation, gave the charge to the pastor and Dr. Chambers, of Harrisburg, the charge to the people. Rev. Curtis O. Bosserman, well known to the Christian Endeavorers of the county, presided as moderator.

Bishop E. B. Kephart, D. D. LL. D., of Annapolis, Pa., who is well known by many people in this county, will accompany Rev. and Mrs. E. Albert, of Elizabethtown, Dauphin county, and six other United Brethren missionaries to Africa this month. The bishop will conduct the party to the foreign land and call a general conference in Africa and also in Germany before returning home. His visit will extend over three months.